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# KAISER UNDER FIRE OF FRENCH GUNS IN THE TRENCHES NEAR SOISSONS

## P. S. BOARD PAYS \$5,340 IN SALARIES TO LIBRARIANS TO CARE FOR \$1,000 IN BOOKS

Secretary of Commission First Witness at Inquiry Conducted by Legislators.

\$2,900,000 IN ONE YEAR.

Required the Services of Nine Men to Prepare Minutes of Commission.

The State Legislative Committee today began its inquiry into the New York City Public Service Commission under direction of Senator George F. Thompson of Niagara County.

The nine investigators met in the Board of Estimate room of the City Hall at 11 o'clock and spent most of the day examining Travis H. Whitney, Secretary of the Public Service Commission.

Col. William H. Hayward, who used to be an Assistant District Attorney but now is legal adviser to Gov. Whitman, acted as counsel to the committee and conducted the examination. But Senator Thompson, who is a good lawyer himself, interrupted with occasional questions to elucidate leading points.

NO ATTEMPT TO START A SENSATION.

The probers made no attempt at sensationalism in the opening session. Their initial plan was to gain information and Senator Thompson said his idea was to let the witnesses tell their stories pretty much in their own way at first. Cross examination will come later.

After Secretary Whitney has furnished evidence about employees, expenses, contracts and complaints, the committee will call the Public Service Commissioners themselves.

On Monday morning Edward E. McCall, Chairman of the commission, will be put on the stand and asked to tell what are his ideas of how the Public Service Commission can best serve the public.

At the formal opening of the inquiry Senator Thompson, as Chairman, occupied the center of the horseshoe desk, with Senator George Cronwell of Staten Island on his right and Senator Ogden L. Mills of New York on his left. Other members of the committee were Senators

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## "In the Short Life of Man No Lost Time Can Be Afforded."

Every day you are out of work and your income stops you not only lose the income you might be earning but you go in debt for your living.

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LAST YEAR—THE HERALD

## PASSION TO STEAL IS AN INHERITANCE WOMAN ASSERTS

Handsome Dorothy Blower Lays Thefts to Blood From Swindler Father.

A well dressed, handsome woman coolly discussed at Police Headquarters to-day the influence of heredity upon crime, admitting herself a thief yet insisting that when she was under the influence of liquor her heritage of criminal blood simply drove her to theft.

She was Dorothy Blower, of No. 971 Twelfth Avenue, Brooklyn, granddaughter of the notorious "fence," Mother Mandelbaum, and daughter of Sam Kohler, noted swindler.

"Is it any wonder," she asked, "that I am sober I think I am as good a woman as you could find anywhere, but when I have had something to drink the blood that was my grand-mother's and my father's comes to the surface and I will steal to buy more drink."

"I am as helpless under my heritage of sin as any child born with the taint of incurable disease."

The complainant is Harry Russell, Eastern representative of the Argonne packing interests, with a home at No. 412 West One Hundred and Twenty-ninth Street. On Christmas day Russell and his wife met Miss Blower in a cabaret show on One Hundred and Twenty-fifth Street, and were charmed by her manner that they invited her to share their Christmas dinner. After their guest had gone Mrs. Russell missed a set of furs worth \$200.

The only clue was an empty whiskey flask left by Miss Blower. It bore the name of a saloon in Brooklyn and she was arrested at that place.

Mrs. Blower was arraigned before Magistrate Ten Eyck in the Harlem Police Court. She seemed greatly distressed as she pleaded guilty to the charge of stealing the furs. She was held in \$1,000 to answer in the General Sessions, and as she had no friend with bail she went to a cell.

## HOBSON'S CHARGE ON PHILIPPINES DENIED

Administration Forces Say Islands Were Not to Be Dropped as Price of Peace With Japan.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—Administration officials to-day issued a disclaimer to charges of Representative Hobson of Alabama that as the price of peace with Japan the United States had prepared speedily to abandon the Philippines. His suggestion that this nation sought to "get from under" in case of hostilities with Japan or any other power was branded as entirely false.

SAILING TO-DAY.  
Cameronia, Glasgow ..... 12 M.  
Pacifica, Havana ..... 12 M.

## MISS M'ADOO SAILS TO ESTABLISH WAR HOSPITAL ABROAD

Daughter of Secretary of Treasury Is Accompanied by Her Chum, Miss Britten.

FATHER SEES HER OFF.

President's Daughter Also Bids Lusitania's Passengers Bon Voyage.

The first old time sailing scene attending the departure of a great ocean liner that has occurred since the war was witnessed at the Cunard docks to-day, when the Lusitania started for Liverpool with 741 passengers, 358 in the first cabin. The cabin reservations fell short of the best trip last January by only two. More than a thousand people gathered on the wharf, and because of the prominent people on board the sailing was quite a society function.

A flutter of interest centered about two young women of Washington, Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of the Secretary of the Treasury, and Miss Katherine Britten, Miss McAdoo's chum, also prominent in the official set of the Capital. Both are going to establish a hospital for wounded soldiers at San Remo, in the French Riviera; funds have been provided by Washington society folk, a chateau has been secured and the two young women are now going to complete arrangements for their work of mercy.

Sailing with them as unofficial manager and chaperone respectively were Col. and Mrs. E. M. House, close friend of President Wilson. Col. House said to-day he would accompany the two girls to San Remo and remain with them until they had their hospital running in good order. He denied as preposterous the rumor that he was acting as unofficial messenger from the President to Ambassador Page in London, bearing instructions on the delicate diplomatic conditions arising out of the Dacia and similar cases.

Secretary McAdoo and his wife, who was Miss Wilson, daughter of the President, were at the pier to wish God speed to the two adventurers of mercy. Dudley Field Malone and Mrs. J. Borden Harriman were also of the party. Mrs. Harriman kissed both girls and said she had to "hurry back to my job," which is as a member of the Commission on Industrial Relations sitting at City Hall.

Dr. Percy R. Turner, head surgeon of the French Hospital in New York, and his wife were also sailing on a hospital mission. Dr. Turner goes as head of the first hospital mission from the United States to be officially recognized by the French Government. At the Chateau de Passy, near the town of Sena, only twenty-five miles behind the trench line in Northern France, Dr. Turner will establish his base hospital. Ten doctors, an equal number of nurses and three Sisters of Charity will follow on a later steamer. Ambulances and all hospital supplies will be taken from this country.

Among other noteworthy passengers were Henry Clive Jr. and his wife, who was Mrs. Robert Golet; Henry Russell, director of the Boston Opera Company; Elsie Janis, an actress; Capt. Philip Lydig and Ernest Thompson Seton, novelist.

No Extra Holidays for Cotton Exchange. The Board of Managers of the Cotton Exchange to-day announced that it had decided not to create Exchange holidays on Feb. 13 or Feb. 20. A petition asking that these two dates, one of them the Saturday following Lincoln's birthday and the other the Saturday preceding Washington's birthday, be made holidays, had been submitted to the Board.

## THIEVES BIND TRIO IN SHOP AND FLEE WITH \$15,000 GEMS

Yorkville Pawnbroker's Customers Suffer More Than He When Safe Is Robbed.

ELEMENTS OF MYSTERY.

Thieves Pack Loot in Suit Cases and Lock Bound Captives in Store.

Adolph Stern, owner of a pawnshop and pawnbroker's sale store at the southwest corner of Eighty-fifth Street and Third Avenue, notified the police at 10 o'clock to-day that three thieves armed with revolvers had bound his three clerks with ropes and robbed his safe of diamonds and jewelry pledges valued at \$15,000.

Acting Captain Jones of the Third Detective Branch and Detectives Cousins, Caputo, Birmingham and Gallagher, after a preliminary investigation, said the case presented more angles of mystery than anything they have run across of late.

Stern's store occupies one of the busiest corners in Yorkville. Besides the proprietor, three clerks—Jerry Stern, a son of Adolph, who lives at No. 15 East Eighty-seventh Street; Edwin Schwartz of No. 54 East One Hundred and Fifth Street and Morris Ticklen—look after the business. These three opened the store at 8 o'clock to-day. Jerry Stern opened the safe, which is in the rear.

According to the clerks, they were undisturbed until 8.45 o'clock, when a man wearing a brown overcoat and a brown soft hat entered the store and asked to be shown some suit cases. Jerry Stern says this man had visited the establishment twice before during the week, each time apparently interested in suit cases.

Ticklen stepped forward to wait on the caller. He had taken out two suit cases from the stock when a second man, wearing a black overcoat and a cap, entered and said he wanted to buy a ring. Jerry Stern elected to wait on the second customer, who seemed to have considerable difficulty in removing his gloves.

He had just taken them off and placed them on the counter when a third man, wearing a gray overcoat and a cap, entered, and Schwartz started toward the front of the store. The third man stopped as he closed the door, snapped the lock into place and drew a revolver.

The other two, according to Stern's clerks, drew revolvers. Each of the thieves pointed a revolver at one of the clerks and demanded quiet and obedience. The clerks were ordered to the extreme rear of the store, where they were lined up. The man in the gray overcoat took the revolver of the man with the black overcoat and that individual proceeded to tie the hands of the clerks behind them, using new twine. When each clerk was bound the thieves tied all three together, pushed them into a corner, fastened their ankles securely and went to work at the safe.

One of the thieves kept an eye on the three clerks and occasionally poked the muzzle of his revolver in their direction. The man in the brown overcoat took the two suit cases that Ticklen had produced for his inspection and began to fill them with articles selected from the safe.

In making their selections from the safe the thieves were considerate of Stern, for they took only \$170 in cash and \$50 worth of gold rings belonging

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## Wife of Premier Asquith, Who Was Stopped From Jaunt to Battle Lines



## MRS. ASQUITH'S PARTY STOPPED BY FRENCH BEHIND BATTLE LINES

Polite Officer Upsets Week-End Jaunt Because Custom Annoys Joffre.

LONDON, Jan. 30.—Mrs. Asquith, wife of the Premier, with three other women, left London a week ago to spend the week-end at a villa in the rear of the British lines as guests of an officer in the Guards. His wife was one of those with Mrs. Asquith. These week-end visits to the front are becoming extremely fashionable, and a number of villas near the front have been rented by wealthy officers in the Guards and cavalry regiments, who entertain their relatives and friends when resting from duty in the trenches.

Mrs. Asquith and her friends left

Calais about midday last Saturday in two motor cars. At a farm some six miles from the villa to which they were going they were held up by a French cavalry troop, which declined to let them either proceed or return.

In vain Mrs. Asquith showed her permit and passes. The French officer declared with many regrets that his orders were positive, and that he must carry them out.

In the next half hour a number of other motor cars containing week-enders arrived, and were all held up. Among those who arrived were the Duchess of Sutherland and Lady Cowdray. The motor cars were driven into a field and their occupants were requested to remain in them. This they had to do until 5 o'clock on Sunday morning. By that time the baggage, ammunition and food wagons had passed.

It is surmised that these week-end parties at the front are not approved of at French headquarters, and that Gen. Joffre gave instructions last week that visitors be stopped in order to give them a lesson that would discourage this sort of visit to the front in future.

Killed by Fall in Steamship. Niel Berguson, sixty years old, a laborer, of No. 61 Bloomfield Street, Hoboken, fell from the main deck to the hold of the steamship Minnewaska, lying at Pier 24, North River, this morning and was killed.

## BRITISH AND GERMANS IN HARD BATTLES ON LAND AND IN THE SKY

Germans Claim Success Over French in Argonne; Berlin Declares One Regiment Was Wiped Out—500 Killed, 745 Captured.

## ITALY PUTS MORE TROOPS IN READINESS FOR WAR

BERLIN (via London), Jan. 30 [Associated Press].—The Correspondence Agency of this city asserts that it learns from a dependable source that Emperor William stood in a heavy fire at the Battle of Soissons.

It was only after insistent representations from his entourage that he consented, after a long while, to leave the exposed position.

ROME, Jan. 30.—A royal decree has been issued calling to the colors the Italian soldiers of the first category, born in 1888 and belonging to the field artillery, and also the Alpine troops and the soldiers of the third category, born in 1891, 1892, 1893 and 1894, belonging to the Alpine troops.

Italian Socialists, who strenuously are opposed to the idea of Italy's intervention in the war, although they represent but a significant minority, had conceived the idea of a general strike in case of mobilization.

At a meeting of Milan Socialists, however, Deputy Turati, one of the most prominent leaders of the party, opposed the plans and delivered a notable anti-German speech, which was applauded with enthusiasm.

## Seven British Airships In Battle on an Air Raid.

LONDON, Jan. 30 (Associated Press).—Wireless advices from Berlin bring a report that of seven English aeroplanes which have bombarded Ostend and Zeebrugge, three failed to return.

It is stated that these three machines were surrounded by German aircraft and chased into the open sea.

[The above despatch may indicate a new British air raid on the Belgian coast towns. The last British air raid reported in that direction occurred at Zeebrugge on Jan. 22. Two British aviators took part in this attack, and it was stated that their bombs damaged a submarine and killed or wounded the crews of the guns mounted on the mole. The German report of this raid said that no damage was done.]

DUNKIRK, France (via Paris), Jan. 30 (Associated Press).—The bombardment from the air carried out here by the Germans came from six aeroplanes. It was a clear moonlight night, but the machines could not be seen except when lit up now and then by the beam of a whirling searchlight by which the three-inch anti-aircraft guns directed their fire. The dropping of their propellers, however, was heard some time before the aeroplanes arrived. This was sufficient notice and the alarm was given for the inhabitants to seek shelter, according to a plan arranged by the authorities.

In all fifty bombs were thrown, ten of which were incendiary ones. A number of private houses were damaged, but the result of the raid, from a military point of view, was nil.

## OFFICIAL GERMAN REPORT.

## French Defeated in the Argonne, Claim of the Berlin War Office

BERLIN (By Wireless to London) Jan. 30 [Associated Press].—German troops captured 745 French soldiers and twelve machine guns in the Argonne Forest yesterday, according to official announcements made by the German War Office to-day. Of these men twelve were officers. The Germans captured also ten smaller guns. The enemy's losses were heavy, from 400 to 500 dead men having been left on the field of battle. The French Infantry Regiment No. 15 seems to have been annihilated. The German losses were comparatively slight.

The text of the communication follows: "The French losses in the fighting to the north of Neuport Jan. 28 were heavy. Over 300 Moroccans and Algerians were found dead in the sand dunes. German artillery yesterday hampered the enemy in his efforts to make his way by sapping operations in the direction of the sand hill, which is to the east of the lighthouse located to the

WEATHER—Snow or rain to-night and Sunday.